

Celebration of Life Services

Celebrating the Life of

Superintendent Harold Johnson, Sr.

First Administrative Assistant of Northern California First Jurisdiction

*Arrival:
June 10, 1931
Chester, TX*



*Departure
August 19, 2005
Vallejo, CA*

*Old Path "Miracle Cathedral"
Church of God in Christ
500 Arkansas Street
Vallejo, California*

*Bishop Albert Galbraith, Officiate
Prelate—Northern California First Jurisdiction*



Local and District Service
Thursday Evening, August 25, 2005
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

OLD PATH ELDERS
And
VALLEJO DISTRICT #2, Asst. Superintendent

Old Path 'Miracle Cathedral'
Church of God in Christ

Official Jurisdictional Service
Friday, August 26, 2005 - 11:00 am

Officiating
Bishop A. Galbraith, Prelate
Northern California First Jurisdiction,
COGIC

LOCAL SERVICES FOR
SUPERTINDENT HAROLD JOHNSON, SR.
THURSDAY EVENING SERVICES, AUGUST 25, 2005

ORDER OF SERVICES

Opening Facilitator, Elder Ralph Walker - Old Path 2nd Administrative Assist.

Opening Musical Selection "The Lord's Prayer" Elder Ronald Huey

Invocation Elder Tobias Hawkins

Reading of the Holy Scriptures

Old Testament Minister Mark Bradley

New Testament Elder Danny Lockwood

Medley of Songs Supt. H. Johnson Loved

Missionary Ann Strong & Elder Steven Thorner

"To God Be The Glory", "I Shall Wear A Crown", "My Whole Body Belongs To God",

Expressions:

Friends & Old Path Family

Facilitator, Elder Roderick Toliver – Old Path 1st Administrative Assist.

Selection: Old Path Miracle Cathedral, Vallejo District and Christmas Choirs

Reflections From The Christmas Revival

Superintendent Roger Vaughn

Christmas Revival Vice President

Expressions 2 minutes

City of Vallejo Representation

City Councilwoman, Mrs. Pamela Pitts

Family Tribute (Expressions)

Reflections From Vallejo District #2

District Missionary P. Slaughter

Pastor R. Smith, Pastor J. Marchbanks, Pastor J. Davison

Closing Facilitator, Elder Dan Slaughter – Vallejo District #2 Ass't. District Supt.

The Clergy Representation

"Thank You" Sister Victoria Lewis

Selection Deacon Michael Lewis

Words of Comfort Supt. B.T. Turner

The Eulogistic Order
Friday, August 26, 2005
Bishop Albert Galbraith – Officiate

Superintendent Johnnie Q. Jones, NCFJ 2nd Administrative Assistant
Celebration Facilitator

Musical Prelude Pastor Melvin Scott

Processional Bishops, Clergy and Family

Congregation COGIC Praise “Yes Lord”

Prayer for Strength and Comfort Superintendent Jeremiah Richardson
4th Administrative Assistant, NCFJ

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Superintendent B.T. Turner

New Testament Superintendent E.G. Williams

Ministry of Music Jurisdictional Mass Choir
Elder Carl Mason and Brother Huie Lovelady

Civic Resolutions

◇ City of Vallejo The Honorable Anthony Intintoli, Mayor

◇ California Assembly Assemblywoman Noreen Evans

◇ California Senate Senator Wesley Chesbro

Statement of Tribute and Consolation

➤ Jurisdictional Woman’s Department Mother Richardine Hunt
Supervisor of Women, NCFJ

➤ Pastors Pastor Ron Smith
Pentecostal Temple COGIC, San Francisco

➤ Superintendents Superintendent Eugene Ferrell
Seed District, Sacramento

➤ Executive Board Superintendent R.J. Lewis
NCFJ Executive Board Chairman

➤ Administrative Assistants Superintendent Alfred Henderson
3rd Administrative Assistant, NCFJ

➤ Area Bishops

Tribute – Family Reflections & Expressions (Children & Grandchildren)

Ministry of Music Jurisdictional Mass Choir
Elder Carl Mason and Brother Huie Lovelady

Resolutions

- Local Elder Roderick Toliver
- District District Missionary Pearlle Slaughter
- Jurisdictional Elder James Moody

Acknowledgement of Cards and Telegrams Missionary Rachel Johnson

Special Remarks from Special Friends Superintendent Jeremiah Richardson
4th Administrative Assistant, NCFJ
Pastor Eugene Reynolds
Master Builder- Old Path “Miracle Cathedral”

Musical Selection ”Is My Living In Vain” Harold Johnson Singers

The Scroll of Life – His Story Missionary Corinne Hudson

Presentation of Messenger Superintendent Johnnie Q. Jones
2nd Administration Assistant, NCFJ

Sermonic Solo First Lady Pamela Hunt
Eulogy. Bishop Albert Galbraith
Prelate, Northern California First Jurisdiction

Glimpse Til Glory Cooley & Riolo Mortuary Staff
Vallejo, California

Sealing of the Bier Johnson Family

Recessional

Final Resting Place and Committal
Sunrise Memorial Cemetery
Sacramento Street
Vallejo, California 94590







His Story

On June, 10, 1931, Harold Johnson Sr. was born in the small town of Chester, Texas to Will and Hattie Johnson. He was the fourteenth child of seventeen siblings. At a very tender age, after the untimely demise of his father, he assumed the titular head of household. Harold moved to Houston, Texas at age sixteen, with his oldest sister, Roberta in order to find better employment to provide for the family and three years later at age nineteen in 1951, he moved to Rodeo, California. He was a carpenter by trade and his specialty was hardwood floors.

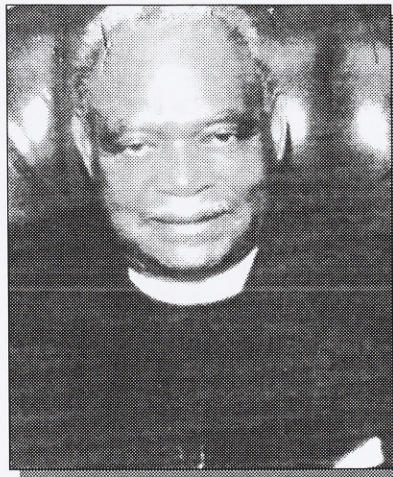
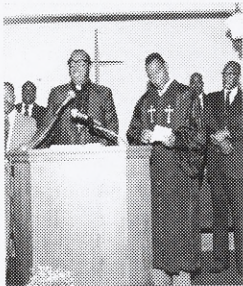
God's hand had always been upon his life. In July 1954, attending a revival conducted by Evangelist Earnestine Cleveland, he had a life-changing encounter with the Lord and received salvation and six months later in a service at Ephesians COGIC (Berkley) he received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Elder Harold Johnson never looked back.

Another amazing moment in his life was June 25, 1955 when he married Mary Brown. Over the years, the Lord blessed this union with wonderful additions, namely, Janet, Diane, Judy, Grace and Harold, Jr. His eldest son, Leo Fatheree was born in Texas.

Brother Harold and Sister Mary worked together in the landmark church of the city, All Nations Church of God in Christ under the pastorate of Superintendent R.B. Garrett. There at the church, the Lord begin to prepare Brother Johnson for a great work. Brother Harold started humbly; he worked as church janitor, usher and choir member; later he taught Sunday School and served as a deacon. In March 1961 he acknowledged his call to the ministry and preached his first official message. Elder Johnson and his family were faithful and loyal members of All Nations.

In 1962 Elder Harold Johnson hear the clarion call to pastor and in July he founded and established the Old Path Church of God in Christ. Following is a timeline of the many accomplishments that Lord has blessed him to achieve:

- July 1962: Founded Old Path COGIC at 216 Virginia Street, Vallejo, CA.
- Oct 1962: Purchased property at 1840 Napa Street and constructed small church,
- Jan 1965: Burned mortgage on the small church at 1840 Napa Street.
- Dec 1967: Organized the first COGIC Christmas Week Revival at Old Path
Started with 7 churches and has grown presently to 20 churches
- Jan 1979: Pastor of the Year, Northern California First Jurisdiction Youth Department
- Jun 1985: Pastor of the Year, Northern California First Jurisdiction Bishop's Office
- Jan 1989: Organized Vallejo District #2 appointed Superintendent of Vallejo District #2 (over five churches)
- Aug 1992: Completed construction and held opening services at the new Old Path
Miracle Cathedral COGIC at 500 Arkansas Street
- Feb1993-95: Site of Charles Harrison Mason Bible College, Vallejo Campus
- May 1994 Graduate of Charles Harrison Mason Bible College, Vallejo Campus
- Jan 1996-99: President of Vallejo Ministerial Alliance



His Story Continued

- Feb 1996: Pastor of the Year, Bishop Watson, Gloryland Apostolic Jurisdiction
 - Jan 1997: Chairman of the Executive Board – Northern CA 1st Jurisdiction under Bishop L.C. Patton
 - Sep 1997: Established free community breakfast – serving thousands free breakfast
 - Feb. 1997: Host site for faith-based welfare to work programs.
 - Jan 1999: Appointed 1st Administrative Assistant Northern CA 1st Jurisdiction under the leadership of Bishop Albert Galbraith
 - June 2005: Received Lifetime Achievement Award NAACP (Vallejo Chapter)
 - Aug 2005: Honored and awarded Oldest Years of Pastoring (43 years) at the “Founding Father Dinner”
- Many souls have been led to the Lord through his ministry. Two pastors have been trained under his ministry.

After a brief illness, he took his flight to be with the Lord on August 19, 2005. As Superintendent Harold Johnson would say, ***“To God Be The Glory!”***

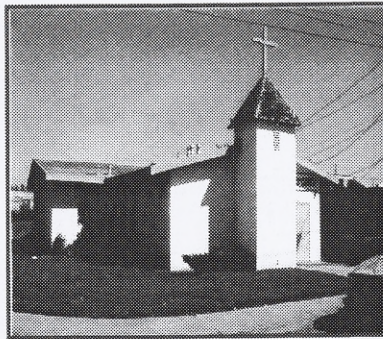
He is proceeded in death by his parents and fifteen siblings.

He leaves to cherish his memory: a loving wife, Mary Johnson of Vallejo, two caring sons, Leo (Glenda) Farthree of Houston, Texas and Harold, Jr. (Leisa) of Vallejo; four devoted daughters, Diane (Reginald) of Oakland, Janet, Judy, and Grace (Roderick I) all of Vallejo. One wonderful sister, Katherine Voice of Vallejo. Sixteen grandchildren: Chanell, Michelle, Kendrick, Nicole, Marcus, Jhamond, Khristopher, Cherael, Ja'Briane, Blake, Harold David, Tyler, Roderick II (aka: L.T.), Isaiah, Jordan, and Chara; one great grandchild, Xavier. A plethora of nieces, nephews and cousins. Several god-children and god grandchildren. A beautiful church family; a supportive district and a jurisdiction family full of love. And many, many friends.

We love him, but God loves him best!
We at Old Path, let's not forget the vision, 5000 souls and beyond

Favorite Scripture:
“Fellow peace with all men, and holiness without which no man will the Lord.” Hebrews 12:14

On July 15, Elder Harold Johnson and wife, Sister Mary Johnson, along with approximately 25 other family members founded the Old Path Church. The first service was held downtown in the Labor Temple at Virginia Street, the weekly services were held in the pastor's home. Three months later in October, the pastor and members purchased the property where the old church is currently located at 1840 Napa Street. When a protest arose against a church being located in the area, Deacon Odell and Missionary Gussie Lee along with Missionary Anna Hamilton circulated a petition in the neighborhood, the majority of the neighbors signed the petition in favor of the church. Two years later on November 29, 1964, the church had its official opening. Throughout that Thanksgiving Week, Pastor Johnson had called a 7 day fast. The Lord began to work a miracle during that fast. Unfinished work, such as plumbing the entire building, was completed on the day prior to going into the sanctuary. In January 1967, the late Bishop E.B. Stewart burned the mortgage on that building.



This facility was preordained by God to be blessed. In Nehemiah 4:6a, the bible says, "so build we the wall . . . for the people had a mind to work." The same can be said for the Pastor and congregation of Old Path. The church was built because the people truly had a mind to work and the Lord set his approval upon the work. "Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that built it." Psalms 127:1a. In December 1985, a church business meeting was held and Pastor Johnson informed the membership that the vacant lot across the street in front of the old church was for sale. If we were willing, the old church could be remodeled using the vacant lot for parking. The membership unanimously agreed to remodel 1840 Napa Street. After presenting our plans to the Planning Commission, we found out that we needed fifteen more parking spaces. We checked out another lot behind the church and prayed faithfully for the owner to sell, but to no



avail, the owner would not surrender the land. By faith, we broke ground behind the church, just knowing that the Lord would make a way for us to remodel. Needless to say, the Lord had another way for us to go, another mission to accomplish. Being a small congregation, we did not even venture to consider purchasing a whole block of vacant land across the street on the side of the old church. Because we needed fifteen parking spaces, we were forced to price the land. The asking price for the land was enormous, more than what we had bargained for. Not knowing what to do, we were left to opt for other options. Twenty eight years ago, two of the pastor's children (Judy and Harold) had claimed this land and seemingly at this time the Lord was honoring their faith. While looking and praying for alternatives to purchase the land, the Lord placed it on the hearts of the Pastor and wife to mortgage their two homes to help purchase the land. This was the only way they were able to loan the majority of the funds to the church. With the help of the saints, they were able to raise the rest of the funds to purchase the land. When we started the actual construction in November 1988, we roughly had about \$30,000-the building cost was well over one million dollars (1988). It took God to make a way for us. Early on, we realized that we were way in over our heads, however, we give all the GLORY, honor and praise to God for his marvelous works. "All things are possible to them that believe." We believed, so let's keep expecting MIRACLES to happen. **FOR THIS IS THE OLD PATH "MIRACLE CATHEDRAL".**

Active Pallbearers

Pastor Reginald Smith
Pastor James Marchbanks
Pastor Jerome Davison
Elder Tobias Hawkins
*Elder Ralph Walker
*Deacon Michael Lewis

**Actual Carriers*

Honorary Pallbearers

Deacon Odell Lee
Supt. Willard Elliot
Supt. Ashberry Scott
Supt. Moses Tyson
Pastor Dan Slaughter
Pastor Rufus Bradford
Supt. William Pree
Supt. Roger Vaughn
Supt. Booker T. Turner

Supportive Pallbearers

*Brother Darrell Pouncey
*Brother Ronald Johnson
*Brother Stevie Davison

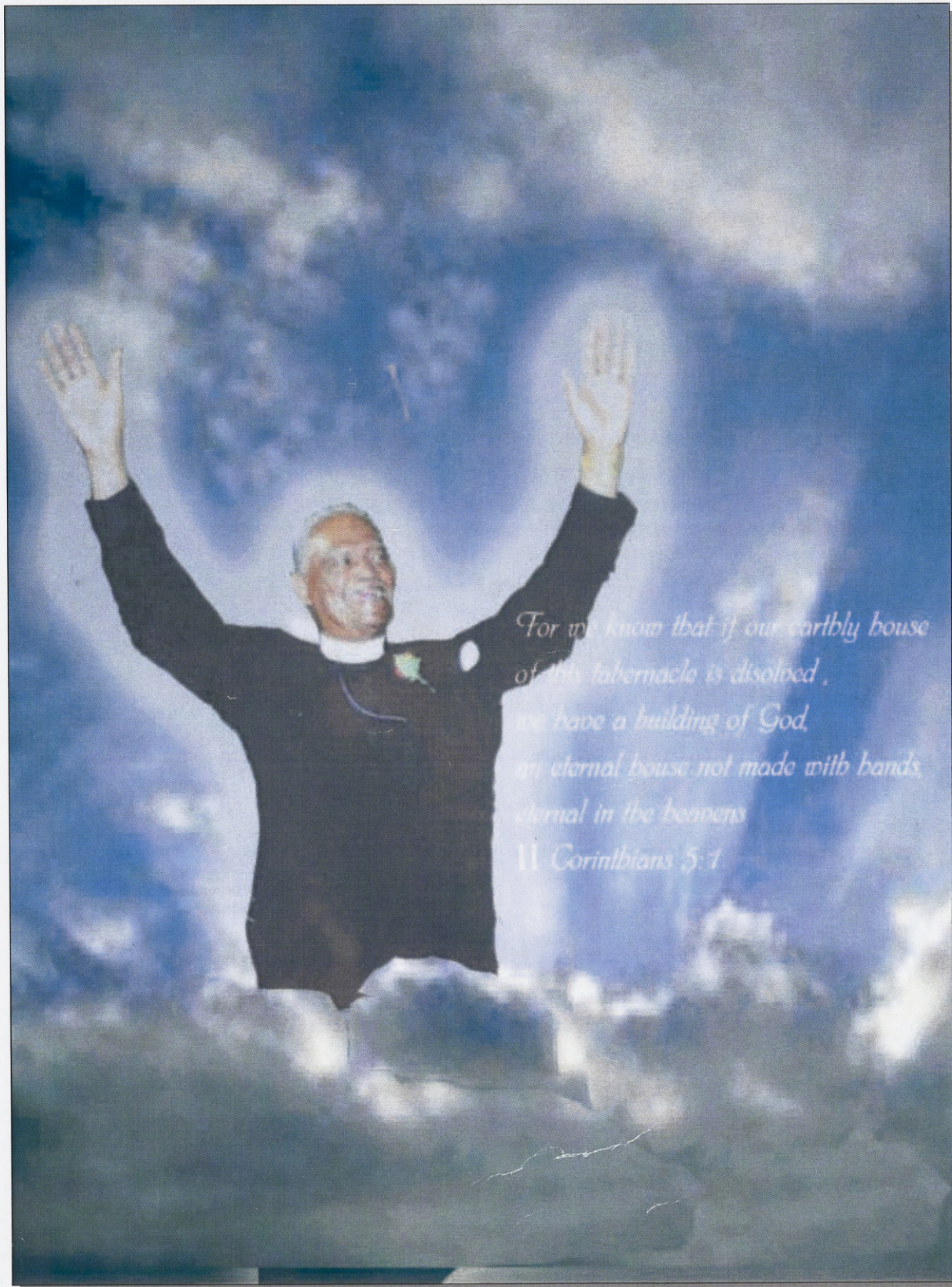
Thank You

*Perhaps you sang a lovely song, or sat quietly in a chair
Perhaps you sent a flower, if so we saw it there
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say
Perhaps you are not here at all, just thinking of us on this day
Whatever you did to console our hearts,
We thank you so much - Whatever the part*

The Johnson Family

Arrangements Made Especially For The Johnson Family and Professionally
Directed By:

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*For we know that if our earthly house
of this tabernacle is dissolved,
we have a building of God,
an eternal house not made with hands,
eternal in the heavens.
II Corinthians 5:1*